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## **The Terminal Tower Lights Up for May Dugan Center’s Trauma Recovery Center During the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of National Crime Victims’ Rights Week**

CLEVELAND, Ohio – On April 24, 2021, the May Dugan Center’s Trauma Recovery Center (TRC) will be recognized during the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of National Crime Victims’ Rights Week by a special lighting at the Terminal Tower. The landmark skyscraper, located on Public Square in downtown Cleveland, will be lit up with the colors of pink and yellow throughout the evening hours. This lighting celebrates the extensive advocacy and direct service work the Trauma Recovery Center.

The Trauma Recovery Center is the first center of its kind in the City of Cleveland and only one of five in the State of Ohio. The TRC is a partnership with law enforcement, hospitals and other community agencies funded through the Ohio Attorney General’s office and was created to provide crisis stabilization for victims of violent crime. Primary services are immediate crisis management and safety planning and law enforcement advocacy. Other services include trauma-based education and support services, advocacy and stabilization planning, coordination of care, victim’s compensation, and long-term stabilization assistance.

Every April, Office for Victims of Crimes, through the Department of Justice, helps lead communities throughout the country in their annual observances of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, which will be observed this year from April 18 to 24. This year's theme is Support Victims | Build Trust | Engage Communities.” It is the intent of the TRC and May Dugan Center to bring awareness to victims’ rights and emphasizes the importance of inclusion in victim services. Rick Kemm, the Executive Director of the May Dugan Center, expresses his pride in the Trauma Recovery Center, “The TRC embodies hope who have been victimized by felonious assaults because of our continuous commitment to bring support immediately in the time of crisis. Last year alone, the TRC saw 377 crime victims, totaling over 5,867 hours of service helping people out of crisis and into stability. We couldn’t be prouder of the advocacy and support work that our team does to ensure victims of crime become strong survivors of crime.”

What: Terminal Tower  
Where: 50 Public Square, Cleveland, OH 44113  
When: April 24 during the evening

Please visit our website at [maydugancenter.org](http://maydugancenter.org) or [May Dugan Center’s Facebook page](#) for more information.

## **About the May Dugan Center**

The Near West Side Multi-Service Corporation was established on July 30, 1969. In 1974, with support from the City of Cleveland's Department of Community Development, the current facility was designed and constructed at 4115 Bridge Avenue in Cleveland's Ohio City neighborhood. The facility was named the May Dugan Multi-Service Center to honor the late May Dugan, a long-time resident of the neighborhood who had been a one-person advocate and counselor for her neighbors in need. Today, the Center continues the tradition of its namesake by providing programs to people which improve their quality of life and, in doing so, strengthen their community.

Each year the May Dugan Center assists over 6,000 individuals from Cleveland's west side, virtually all of whom have incomes below the Federal Poverty Index. As the Center celebrates 50 years of service, it continues to be highly committed to its mission of helping people "*enrich and advance their lives and communities.*"

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